



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

May 12 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

May 13 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

May 15 – 7:00 PM EDC Meeting (3316 Faith Church)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP – MEMBER NAIC

MAY 6, 7:00 PM, 3603 RUTH STREET

LAKE PARK S.A.G.E.S.

MAY 9, 7:00 PM, FAITH UMC ACTIVITY CENTER

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

MAY 17, 10:00 AM, COMMUNITY CENTER, TRIP TO DANIEL STOWE
BOTANICAL GARDEN

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE POOL

MAY 23, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, LAKE PARK POOL, FREE SNOW CONES

NEW RESIDENT SOCIAL (SPONSORED BY THE LAKE PARK HOA)

MAY 29, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP – MEMBER NAIC

JUNE 3, 7:00 PM, 5708 HOOVER STREET

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

JUNE 5, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT CONNIE AT (704) 893-0055

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION

JULY 21, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Lake Park Economic Development Survey

GRAB A PENCIL! YOUR CHOICES ARE IMPORTANT!

LAKE PARK VILLAGE - QUESTIONNAIRE ATTACHED

The pull-out and ready-to-mail survey is here, attached to this month's newsletter. This is your opportunity to state your household preferences, to tell us what you choose and why. What makes Lake Park important to you, or what does not?

To ensure confidentiality, do NOT put your name or address on the survey. Surveys are pre-stamped with \$.42 postage so you can mail before or after the May 12 rate increases. All surveys must be received at the Village Office no later than June 10. Survey answers will be tallied and results will be available on the website later this summer. So grab a pencil and tell us about you. What you say is important to us.

This is the Village Council's first official professional survey since the village was established in 1993. The information you provide will be useful to the Economic Development Commission and to the Lake Park church, school, and business leaders who strive to successfully provide services to our community. Honest responses are very important. NOTE: If you lose your survey, you can find another at www.lakeparknc.gov ~ but only the attached surveys are pre-stamped. Do not mail the newsletter. Mail only the survey sheet.

Our leaders are interested in what you choose for your home or family so they can serve you better. Our professional leaders are a cornerstone of our Village and are dedicated to the future of Lake Park. While our community volunteers provide most of the social events and seek to protect the architectural integrity of

Lake Park Pool Opens May 24

The 2008 Lake Park Pool season will begin on May 24. To kick off the season, the Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting a free family night at the pool from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on May 23. During this event, free snow cones will be available for those in attendance.

Residents or non-residents interested in purchasing pool passes can contact the village office at (704) 882-VOLP.

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our neighborhoods, our professional leaders are vested in offering individual services conveniently nearby.

Special thanks for survey preparation go to HDI Investigations and Executive Services, The Family Hairloom and to Lucas Lawn & Landscaping. The EDC has many people to thank for ideas included in the survey format including Bill Parker and Susan Splitt.

March Security Report

From Lake Park Deputies Hannon and Tomberlin

Total Calls for March 2008: 53

Calls in February 2008: 47

Calls in March 2007: 65

Most Calls: Alarms – 9 (4 canceled before arrival)

Traffic Enforcement – 5

General Disturbances – 5

Property Damage – 5

Suspicious Persons – 4

Suspicious Vehicles – 4

The deputies and the Council would like to remind all residents to call 911 when witnessing suspicious activities. In the past two months, there have been 18 false residential alarms for which the deputies had to respond. If your house has an alarm system, please ensure that it is in correct working order to prevent these calls that reduce the deputies' ability to respond to legitimate calls for assistance.

ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: CALL 911

LP Must Comply with Storm Water Phase II

Recently, the Lake Park Council learned from the state of North Carolina that the village will not be exempt from Phase II of the EPA's storm water program. Phase II includes small municipalities that own and operate a separate storm sewer system which includes Lake Park. The program allows exclusions only for systems that demonstrate a lack of impact on water quality. However, the state regulators for this federal program indicated that the village would not be considered for this exclusion.

This decision means that Lake Park must comply with all provisions of Storm Water Phase II. This will include: enacting ordinances to control impact on water quality by construction projects and illicit discharges, providing public education on factors that affect water quality, and producing a detailed storm sewer system base map. The council will be working in the upcoming months to develop the ordinances and plans to comply with this program and manage its significant costs in the most effective manner.

For Your Information

Growing in Lake Park

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Jeff Harmon, TFL Worldwide presented an outstanding workshop to the professional leaders on April 15. Key points in the exercises and commentary were recognition of the differing traits and interests of people we live and work with and how motivators uniquely follow those differences. All attendees received Mr. Harmon's reference documents for individual follow up in their workplace. Mr. Harmon will be conducting a series of four May classes in Monroe with the Union County Chamber of Commerce for business owners.

Waterfowl Feeding Prohibited

As a reminder for all residents of Lake Park, it is unlawful for anyone to feed waterfowl or other animals in the public areas within Lake Park. The Public Parks Ordinance (Sec. 2 Para. C (a)) states that no person shall feed any animal, reptile, bird or waterfowl of any nature within the public parks. This regulation is intended to reduce the unhealthy (and often deadly) reliance by these animals on this feeding and to minimize the impact to our parks and water quality due to an unnatural wildlife population.